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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A notched tissue-collection needle configured similarly to a
fine-needle-aspiration needle is provided with a cutting edge
disposed in the notch and configured to excise tissue into the
notch for collection. A stylet may be provided through a
lumen of the needle during introduction into a patient body.
The needle may be provided with echogenicity-enhancing
features.

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